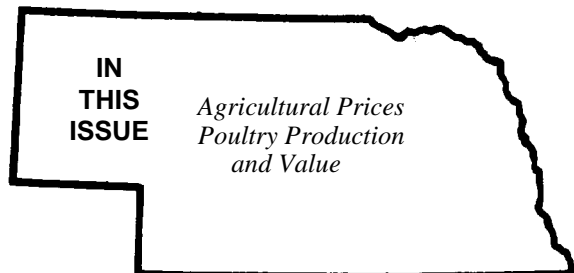


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## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in April, at 120, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (0.8 percent) above the March index. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, asparagus, broccoli, and hay. Lower prices were received for lettuce, corn, celery, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers

sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of several commercial vegetables, cattle, strawberries, and dairy offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, hogs, and grapefruit. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.0 percent) from April, 2004.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary April 2005 with Comparisons

| Commodity        | Unit   | Nebraska              |                       |              | United States         |                       |              |             |                           |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|
|                  |        | Apr 2004 <sup>1</sup> | Mar 2005 <sup>1</sup> | Apr 15, 2005 | Apr 2004 <sup>1</sup> | Mar 2005 <sup>1</sup> | Apr 15, 2005 | % of Parity | Parity Price <sup>2</sup> |
| <i>Dollars</i>   |        |                       |                       |              | <i>Dollars</i>        |                       |              |             |                           |
| Wheat, All       | Bushel | 3.62                  | 3.29                  | 2.95         | 3.88                  | 3.41                  | 3.27         | 32          | 10.30                     |
| Corn             | Bushel | 2.82                  | 1.98                  | 1.90         | 2.89                  | 2.02                  | 1.94         | 28          | 6.92                      |
| Oats             | Bushel | 1.35                  | 1.78                  | 1.70         | 1.63                  | 1.74                  | 1.57         | 38          | 4.11                      |
| Grain Sorghum    | Cwt    | 5.08                  | 3.03                  | 2.95         | 5.09                  | 3.04                  | 2.88         | 25          | 11.30                     |
| Soybeans         | Bushel | 9.58                  | 5.88                  | 5.85         | 9.62                  | 5.95                  | 5.96         | 36          | 16.70                     |
| Hay, All, Baled  | Ton    | 49.00                 | 50.00                 | 48.00        | 88.90                 | 89.10                 | 96.90        |             |                           |
| Alfalfa, Baled   | Ton    | 49.00                 | 50.00                 | 48.00        | 93.00                 | 96.40                 | 103.00       |             |                           |
| Other, Baled     | Ton    | 45.00                 | 48.00                 | 47.00        | 75.50                 | 70.40                 | 75.40        |             |                           |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt    | 17.80                 | 24.00                 | 23.70        | 19.60                 | 26.60                 | 27.20        | 52          | 52.50                     |
| Hogs             | Cwt    | 48.30                 | 52.20                 | 52.00        | 47.40                 | 51.20                 | 50.20        | 45          | 111.00                    |
| Barrows & Gilts  | Cwt    | 48.50                 | 52.40                 | 52.20        | 47.70                 | 51.50                 | 50.50        |             |                           |
| Sows             | Cwt    | 40.80                 | 42.60                 | 40.60        | 40.70                 | 43.50                 | 42.00        |             |                           |
| Beef Cattle      | Cwt    | 88.50                 | 94.90                 | 94.40        | 85.00                 | 91.30                 | 91.60        | 51          | 179.00                    |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt    | 89.60                 | 96.00                 | 95.50        | 88.90                 | 95.50                 | 95.60        |             |                           |
| Cows             | Cwt    | 51.70                 | 60.00                 | 59.20        | 50.60                 | 55.00                 | 57.10        |             |                           |
| Calves           | Cwt    | 123.00                | 139.00                | 143.00       | 117.00                | 135.00                | 139.00       | 57          | 244.00                    |
| Sheep            | Cwt    | 32.70                 | 44.00                 |              | 36.70                 | 48.20                 |              |             | 87.80                     |
| Lambs            | Cwt    | 109.00                | 116.00                |              | 100.00                | 114.00                |              |             | 218.00                    |

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for April 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices April 29, 2005.

### Farm Machinery and Tractors: Prices Paid, United States, April 2003-2005

| Item  | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    | Item                                      | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Dollars</i>                              |         |         |         | <i>Dollars</i>                            |         |         |         |
| Baler, Square, Pick-Up, Auto Tie, P.T.O.    |         |         |         | Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)  |         |         |         |
| Round, 1200-1500 Lb bale                    | 18,300  | 19,500  | 20,300  | Min/No-Till W/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot      | 27,600  | 29,400  | 30,500  |
| Round, 1900-2200 Lb bale                    | 25,600  | 27,000  | 28,200  | Hay Rake, Side-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,   |         |         |         |
| Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth, Chisel or    |         |         |         | Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width   | 5,200   | 5,380   | 5,940   |
| Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted, 16-20 Ft.     | 13,100  | 15,300  | 15,600  | Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot                    | 4,900   | 5,130   | 5,380   |
| Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head     |         |         |         | Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, P.T.O.    |         |         |         |
| Extra Large capacity                        | 196,000 | 218,000 | 232,000 | 2-wheel, with Tires                       |         |         |         |
| Large capacity                              | 159,000 | 180,000 | 192,000 | 141-190 Bushel Capacity                   | 6,760   | 7,210   | 7,790   |
| Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row                | 25,900  | 27,400  | 28,900  | 225-300 Bushel Capacity                   | 10,100  | 10,900  | 11,900  |
| Row Crop Planter                            |         |         |         | Mower-Conditioner, P.T.O., Pull Type with |         |         |         |
| With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row           | 30,000  | 32,000  | 31,400  | 8-10 Foot, Sickel (Cutter) Bar or Disc    | 14,400  | 14,800  | 15,900  |
| With Fertilizer Attachment, 24-Row          | 95,700  | 102,000 | 108,000 | Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickel   |         |         |         |
| 12-Row, No-Till, w/Fertilizer Attachment    | 52,400  | 53,100  | 57,900  | (Cutter) Bar                              | 4,980   | 5,040   | 5,320   |
| Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row                 | 6,330   | 6,920   | 7,490   | Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot                    | 6,610   | 6,770   | 7,410   |
| 12-Row, Flexible                            | 13,700  | 15,300  | 17,300  | Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot                   | 3,130   | 3,480   | 3,470   |
| Disk Harrow, Tandem, Drawn <sup>1</sup>     |         |         |         | Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type     |         |         |         |
| 15-17 Foot                                  | 15,200  | 14,300  | 15,700  | (Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)        |         |         |         |
| 18-20 Foot                                  | 19,300  | 19,400  | 21,600  | Tractor Mounted, w/ 300 Gal. Spray Tank   | 5,890   | 5,850   | 7,320   |
| Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit      |         |         |         | Trailer Type, w/ 500-700 Gal. Spray Tank  | 13,100  | 13,300  | 15,100  |
| Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot        | 4,180   | 4,130   | 4,680   | Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive                    |         |         |         |
| Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., P.T.O.    | 15,600  | 16,800  | 18,900  | 50-59 P.T.O. horsepower                   | 21,300  | 21,500  | 23,400  |
| Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn          |         |         |         | 70-89 P.T.O. horsepower                   | 33,600  | 33,900  | 36,800  |
| 17-19 Foot                                  | 11,600  | 12,400  | 14,400  | 110-129 P.T.O. horsepower                 | 63,800  | 65,700  | 68,500  |
| 20-25 Foot, Flexible                        | 15,900  | 17,500  | 19,600  | 140-159 P.T.O. horsepower                 | 84,100  | 86,900  | 91,900  |
| Forage Harvester, P.T.O., Shear Bar,        |         |         |         | 190-220 P.T.O. horsepower                 | 116,000 | 121,000 | 126,000 |
| With Pick-Up Attachment                     | 31,600  | 32,700  | 33,400  | Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive                    |         |         |         |
| With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row                   | 35,900  | 35,000  | 35,400  | 200-280 P.T.O. horsepower                 | 133,000 | 141,000 | 142,000 |
| Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, Tractor Mount, |         |         |         | Wagon, Gravity Unload, w/Box and Running  |         |         |         |
| 1800-2500 Lb. Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket      | 5,000   | 5,150   | 5,450   | Gear and Tires, Without Side Extensions   |         |         |         |
| Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing            |         |         |         | 200-400 Bushel Capacity                   | 4,200   | 4,570   | 5,350   |
| Plain, 15-17 Openers                        | 14,000  | 14,500  | 16,800  | Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box,             |         |         |         |
| Press, 23-25 Openers                        | 20,300  | 22,600  | 25,200  | 8-10 Ton Capacity                         | 1,720   | 1,810   | 2,060   |
| With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers   | 18,600  | 19,800  | 19,000  | Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot     | 64,200  | 67,300  | 72,100  |

<sup>1</sup> With hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 29, 2005.

### Field Seeds: Prices Paid, United States, April 2002-2005

| Item                                  | Unit | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <i>Dollars</i>                        |      |        |        |        |        |
| Legumes                               |      |        |        |        |        |
| Alfalfa                               |      |        |        |        |        |
| Proprietary                           | cwt. | 280.00 | 286.00 | 291.00 | 281.00 |
| Public and Common                     | cwt. | 157.00 | 178.00 | 163.00 | 177.00 |
| Clover                                |      |        |        |        |        |
| Ladino                                | lb.  | 2.80   | 3.05   | 2.91   | 2.80   |
| Red                                   | cwt. | 130.00 | 144.00 | 145.00 | 174.00 |
| Row Crops                             |      |        |        |        |        |
| Corn, Hybrid Biotech <sup>1</sup>     |      | 113.00 | 115.00 | 122.00 | 131.00 |
| Corn, Hybrid Non-Biotech <sup>1</sup> |      | 85.80  | 90.90  | 91.10  | 93.40  |
| Grain Sorghum                         | cwt. | 96.00  | 100.00 | 105.00 | 114.00 |
| Potatoes                              | cwt. | 10.90  | 10.80  | 9.69   | 9.30   |
| Soybeans, All <sup>2</sup>            | bu.  | 22.50  | 24.20  | 24.10  | 27.60  |
| Sunflower                             | cwt. | 407.00 | 417.00 | 425.00 | 476.00 |
| Small Grains                          |      |        |        |        |        |
| Barley, Spring                        | bu.  | 5.80   | 6.90   | 6.39   | 6.72   |
| Oats, Spring                          | bu.  | 5.35   | 7.05   | 5.88   | 5.54   |
| Wheat, Winter                         | bu.  | 7.70   | 8.01   | 8.26   | 9.06   |

<sup>1</sup> 80,000 kernels. <sup>2</sup> Technology fees included in price.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 29, 2005.

### Feed: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2003-2005

| Item                        | Unit   | Northern Plains <sup>1</sup> |               |               | United States  |               |               |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             |        | April<br>2003                | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 | April<br>2003  | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 |
|                             |        | <i>Dollars</i>               |               |               | <i>Dollars</i> |               |               |
| Alfalfa Meal                | cwt.   | 12.50                        | 13.00         | 12.60         | 15.00          | 14.90         | 15.40         |
| Alfalfa Pellets             | cwt.   | 12.80                        | 12.70         | 12.90         | 15.30          | 15.20         | 15.20         |
| Bran                        | cwt.   | 13.20                        | 13.60         | 14.00         | 13.70          | 14.80         | 15.00         |
| Beef Cattle Concentrate     |        |                              |               |               |                |               |               |
| 32-36% protein              | ton    | 257.00                       | 343.00        | 262.00        | 290.00         | 342.00        | 316.00        |
| Corn Meal                   | cwt.   | 8.30                         | 7.58          | 7.04          | 9.90           | 9.84          | 9.57          |
| Cottonseed Meal, 41%        | cwt.   | 13.90                        | 15.80         | 14.20         | 16.60          | 18.40         | 17.20         |
| Dairy Feed                  |        |                              |               |               |                |               |               |
| 14% protein <sup>2</sup>    | ton    | 183.00                       | 217.00        | 187.00        | 183.00         | 200.00        | 220.00        |
| 16% protein <sup>2</sup>    | ton    | 233.00                       | 281.00        | 231.00        | 200.00         | 218.00        | 197.00        |
| 32-38% protein <sup>2</sup> | ton    | 311.00                       | 421.00        | 325.00        | 311.00         | 381.00        | 331.00        |
| Hog Feed <sup>23</sup>      |        |                              |               |               |                |               |               |
| 14-18% protein              | ton    | 257.00                       | 316.00        | 214.00        | 223.00         | 256.00        | 219.00        |
| 38-42% protein              | ton    | 314.00                       | 416.00        | 345.00        | 322.00         | 415.00        | 398.00        |
| Molasses, Liquid            | cwt.   | 9.80                         | 12.30         | 10.70         | 13.30          | 14.20         | 14.80         |
| Poultry Feed                |        |                              |               |               |                |               |               |
| Laying Feed                 | ton    | 262.00                       | 310.00        | 267.00        | 232.00         | 249.00        | 226.00        |
| Turkey Grower               | ton    | 286.00                       | 290.00        | 222.00        | 279.00         | 315.00        | 315.00        |
| Soybean Meal, 44%           | cwt.   | 13.30                        | 18.40         | 13.10         | 14.50          | 19.60         | 16.10         |
| Stock Salt                  | 50 lb. | 3.40                         | 3.19          | 3.12          | 4.30           | 4.53          | 4.78          |
| Trace Mineral Blocks        | 50 lb. | 4.80                         | 5.17          | 4.88          | 5.40           | 5.53          | 5.52          |

<sup>1</sup> Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. <sup>2</sup> Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

<sup>3</sup>Excluding pig starter.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 29, 2005.

### Fuels: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2003-2005

| Item                                  | Northern Plains |               |               | United States             |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       | April<br>2003   | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 | April<br>2003             | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 |
| <i>Dollars per Gallon</i>             |                 |               |               | <i>Dollars per Gallon</i> |               |               |
| Unleaded Gasoline <sup>1</sup>        |                 |               |               |                           |               |               |
| Service Station                       | 1.57            | 1.75          | 2.25          | 1.61                      | 1.75          | 2.21          |
| Bulk Delivery                         | 1.58            | 1.76          | 2.26          | 1.60                      | 1.76          | 2.23          |
| Diesel <sup>23</sup> , Bulk Delivery  | 1.16            | 1.24          | 1.91          | 1.24                      | 1.31          | 1.97          |
| L.P. Gas <sup>2</sup> , Bulk Delivery | .968            | .99           | 1.26          | 1.21                      | 1.21          | 1.47          |

<sup>1</sup> Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. <sup>2</sup> Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes federal excise tax.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 29, 2005.

### Fertilizer: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2003-2005

| Item  | Northern Plains |               |               | United States          |               |               |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | April<br>2003   | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 | April<br>2003          | April<br>2004 | April<br>2005 |
| <i>Dollars per Ton</i>                                |                 |               |               | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> |               |               |
| 8-32-16   | 222.00          | 233.00        | 256.00        | 241.00                 | 257.00        | 287.00        |
| 10-34-0   | 243.00          | 244.00        | 254.00        | 255.00                 | 261.00        | 271.00        |
| 11-52-0   | 252.00          | 270.00        | 297.00        | 266.00                 | 288.00        | 317.00        |
| 18-46-0 (DAP)   | 249.00          | 267.00        | 291.00        | 250.00                 | 276.00        | 303.00        |
| Ammonium Nitrate                                      | 231.00          | 236.00        | 258.00        | 243.00                 | 263.00        | 292.00        |
| Anhydrous Ammonia                                     | 374.00          | 366.00        | 394.00        | 373.00                 | 379.00        | 416.00        |
| Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K <sub>2</sub> O           | 166.00          | 176.00        | 238.00        | 165.00                 | 181.00        | 245.00        |
| Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N                            | 160.00          | 168.00        | 209.00        | 166.00                 | 179.00        | 218.00        |
| Superphosphate - 44-46% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 242.00          | 254.00        | 303.00        | 243.00                 | 266.00        | 299.00        |
| Urea - 44-46%   | 258.00          | 264.00        | 319.00        | 261.00                 | 276.00        | 332.00        |

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 29, 2005.

**Poultry: By Type, Production, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2004**

| Item                                | Unit       | Nebraska |       | United States |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|
|                                     |            | 2003     | 2004  | 2003          | 2004     |
| <u>Chickens, Excluding Broilers</u> |            |          |       |               |          |
| Number Sold                         | mil. head  | 5.4      | 5.0   | 189.5         | 192.1    |
| Pounds Sold                         | mil. lbs.  | 18.5     | 17.1  | 983.1         | 1,002.1  |
| Price per Pound                     | cents/lb.  | 0.1      | 0.1   | 4.9           | 5.8      |
| Value of Sales                      | 1,000 dol. | 18       | 17    | 47,811        | 58,010   |
| <u>Broilers</u>                     |            |          |       |               |          |
| Number Produced                     | mil. head  | 4.0      | 4.3   | 8,492.9       | 8,740.7  |
| Pounds Produced                     | mil. lbs.  | 22.8     | 25.4  | 43,958.2      | 45,796.3 |
| Price per Pound                     | cents/lb.  | 35.0     | 45.0  | 34.6          | 44.6     |
| Value of Production                 | mil. dol.  | 8.0      | 11.4  | 15,214.9      | 2,0446.1 |
| <u>Eggs</u>                         |            |          |       |               |          |
| Produced                            | mil. eggs  | 3,126    | 3,174 | 87,473        | 89,131   |
| Price per Dozen                     | cents/doz. | 53.5     | 52.5  | 73.2          | 71.4     |
| Value of Production                 | mil. dol.  | 139.4    | 138.9 | 5,333.0       | 5,303.2  |
| <u>Turkeys</u>                      |            |          |       |               |          |
| Number Raised                       | mil. hd.   | 1        | 1     | 274.0         | 264.2    |
| Pounds Produced                     | mil. lbs.  | 1        | 1     | 7,487.3       | 7,304.8  |
| Price per Pound                     | cents/lb.  | 1        | 1     | 36.1          | 42.0     |
| Value of Production                 | mil. dol.  | 1        | 1     | 2,699.7       | 3,065.4  |

<sup>1</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: Poultry - Production and Value 2004 Summary, April 2005.



## June Agricultural Surveys



The mid-year acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventory surveys will be conducted between May 31 - June 14. These surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics released by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board.

### **USDA RELEASE DATES**

*Jun. 24, 2:00 pm CST    Quarterly Hogs & Pigs*  
*Jun. 30, 7:30 am CST    Acreage*  
*Jun. 30, 7:30 am CST    Grain Stocks*

*Survey results will be available on the Internet at  
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